

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abisha Blodgett S15752

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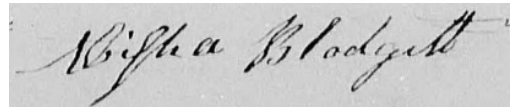
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State of Virginia } S.S.

County of Ohio }

On this 2nd day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court for Ohio County now siting Abisha Blodgett, a resident of the County of Ohio, aged seventy years on the 24th day of November 1833; who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of July in the year 1781 at the town of Stafford, County of Tolland and State of Connecticut as a private soldier for the term of one year, and served for the said term of one year in the 8th Company of the 5th Regiment of the Connecticut line under the following named Officers, viz. Colonel Isaac Shearman [sic: Isaac Sherman], Majors Troop [sic: Benjamin Throop] and [David] Smith, Captain Sill, Lieutenant Reuben Sanderson, and Ensign Hoyt; that he marched to the White planes [sic: White Plains] in the State of New York, and then to the Highlands of York where he was discharged in July 1782 by Colonel Isaac Shearman; at which time he enlisted again as a private soldier for the term of six months, and served the said tour of six months in the same Company and regiment, under the same Officers as above stated; that he was in one small skirmish at Bedford meadows, and in three small skirmishes on Croton River, but was in no large battles and was discharged at the expiration of said six months enlistment at West point. And that he also enlisted in the City of New York on the 4th day of July 1785 as a private soldier in the Artillery in Colonel Harmers Regiment for the term of three years two years of which time he served as a private soldier, and one year as a sergeants under the following named officers viz. Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer, Captain John Doughty, Lieutenants James Bradford and John Smith; that he sailed from New York to New Windsor, then marched through New Jersey to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, then to Pittsburgh then to the mouth of the Muskingum River, that he assisted in building Fort Harmer (now Marietta) That while stationed at Fort Harmer he served occasionally on several commands on the Ohio River, and served at one time on a command to the Falls of Ohio [Louisville KY] and was discharged at Fort Harmer on the 5th day of July 1788 by Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer. He states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can produce who can testify to his services; and that after he was discharged that he resided for some time in the state of New York and for some years in the state of Pennsylvania from thence he removed to Ohio County in Virginia where he has resided for more than thirty years and where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



To the interrogatories put to him by the Court according to the rules and regulations of the War department he answers as follows.

To the first interrogatory he answers, He was born in the Town of Stafford, County of Tolland and State of Connecticut on the 24th day of November 1763.

To the 2nd question he answers. That he has no written record or registry of his age.

To the 3rd question he answers. He was living at said town of Stafford in said State of Connecticut when he was called into service, as he has above stated in his declaration, and that since that time he has lived and now lives as he has above stated in his declaration.

To the 4th question he answers, He was called into service as he has above in his declaration stated and set forth

To the 5th question he answers. That he recollects the names of the officers and circumstances incident to and attending his said services as he has above detailed and set forth in his said declaration

To the 6th question he answers, That at the expiration of his first term of Enlistment he received a written discharge at the Highlands of York signed by Colonel Isaac Shearman and at the expiration of his 2nd term of service he received a written discharge at West point but by whom it was signed he cannot recollect. And at the expiration of his 3rd term of enlistment, he received a written discharge at Fort Harmer signed by Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Harmer and that said discharges are now all lost and he knows not where they are

To the 7th question he answers he is known to the Reverend James Foster Rev. Edward Dowler. Captain James Ewing Lewis Bonnett Esqr. Samuel Howard Esqr and Jacob Kellar who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Revolutionary services

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications in present West Virginia. For details see my appendix in the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Abisha Blodgett. Served 1 yr. & 6 mo.

I the undersigned Abisha Blodgett in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary [of War] give the following narrative of my services as a soldier in the war of the Revo'n. and statement of my age. to wit. I shall be seventy two years old the 24th Nov'r. next. I am a native of Tolland Cty Connecticut & resided there during the war of the Revo'n. I came to this region of country about 3[?] years ago. In my sixteenth year of age and in the same year in which Cornwallis and his army were captured at Yorktown Virginia [19 Oct 1781], I Enlisted in Stafford township Connecticut under Lieutenant Comstock [probably Comstock] for one year, was marched to White Plains and attached to Capt Sills company. Col. Isaac Shermans Regt. of Infantry. Major Troops Battalion. My Lieutenants name was Reuben Sanders. my Ensigns name was Hoyt – there were several Regts at White Plains. cant say who commanded the station. I was attached to Genl. Parsons [Samuel Holden Parsons's] Brigade. I Enlisted in July. remained at White Plains until fall, when my Regt. with four others went to the highlands of York and there wintered – in the Spring a detachment of men including my self were sent up to the Fish Kills [Fishkill] Genl. Sterlings [sic: William Alexander, Lord Stirling] quarters. remained there awhile and returned to the Highlands of York where my term expired I was discharged and returned home. I got home in July and in same month Enlisted again for six months. returned to the highlands of York and was attached to the same company and Regiment in which I had before served. remained there about one month when the Connecticut line (the 5 Regt. and some other Regts. were marched to Ver Plank Point [sic: Verplanck Point on Hudson River] where Genl. Washington then was. in October myself with others were put on a fatigue party to cut Timber to repair Boston Hospittal. whilst in this service (about one month) I was under the command of Capt. Kimberley [sic: Ephraim Kimberly]. we then taken to New Windsor Hospittal to repair it and chop wood for the use of the army at West Point. the wood thus cut was boated down the River. in December we were marched to West Point. passed review and was discharged. I was 6 mo. in this last mentioned service. my son wrote my Declaration which I made in open court – it contains in substance the statement here given. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. June 28 1835

Witness/ Nathan Goff

Abisha Blodgett

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W. G. Singleton/ Jul 4, 1835

NOTE:

On 5 Feb 1834 Blodgett was issued a certificate for a pension of \$60 per year for 18 months service in the Revolutionary War.

A letter dated 27 March 1837 refers to Abisha Blodgett of Marshall County VA.